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SUBJECT: OPRED - NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION REQUEST FOR
ADDITIONAL FOREIGN NATIONAL POSITIONS

1. NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF) HAS REQUESTED AN OPRED
CEILING INCREASE OF 3 FOREIGN NATIONAL POSITIONS - ONE EACH
AT BUCHAREST, NEW DELHI, AND TOKYO - TO ASSIST NSF IN
CARRYING OUT ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES OVERSEAS.

2. SPECIFICS FOR EACH POST ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. BUCHAREST - A FOREIGN NATIONAL SECRETARY IS NEEDED
TO WORK FOR THE NSF SCIENCE LIAISON OFFICER ON
MATTERS RELATED TO THE US COOPERATIVE SCIENCE
PROGRAMS IN ROMANIA AND, AS REQUIRED, ON MATTERS

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RELATED TO OTHER EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WITH

COOPERATIVE SCIENCE PROGRAMS FOR WHICH THE FOUNDATION IS THE EXECUTIVE AGENT. THIS POSITION WILL BE NEEDED BY 1/1/74 WHEN THE SCIENCE LIAISON OFFICER IS SCHEDULED TO REPORT TO BUCHAREST.

B. NEW DELHI - ONE PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANT WOULD WORK WITH THE US SCIENCE ATTACHE ON MATTERS RELATED TO THE NSF SPECIAL FOREIGN CURRENCY PROGRAM AND THE INDIA-UNITED STATES EXCHANGE OF SCIENTISTS PROGRAM, HELP PERFORM THE NECESSARY LIAISON AMONG THE EMBASSY OFFICE, THE INDIAN SCIENTIFIC AND OFFICIAL COMMUNITIES, AND NSF IN WASHINGTON, AND ASSIST IN MAKING TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS FOR AMERICAN AND INDIAN SCIENTISTS IN CONNECTION WITH THESE PROGRAMS. THIS WORK HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN PERFORMED BY AMERICANS IN THE NSF SCIENCE LIAISON STAFF OFFICE (USAID/NSF) WHICH CLOSED JUNE 30, 1973. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE SCIENCE ATTACHE IN NEW DELHI HAS EMPHASIZED THAT THE ADDITIONAL PERSON WILL BE ESSENTIAL IF HIS OFFICE IS TO BE RESPONSIBLE TO ANY EXTENT FOR NSF PROGRAMS.

THE EXPENSES FOR THIS POSITION WOULD BE PAID TO THE EMBASSY ON A REIMBURSEMENT BASIS FROM THE NSF SPECIAL FOREIGN CURRENCY APPROPRIATION. NSF HOPES THAT THE POSITION CAN BE ESTABLISHED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

C. TOKYO - THE ADDITIONAL FOREIGN NATIONAL SECRETARY WOULD WORK WITH THE NSF SCIENCE LIAISON STAFF ON MATTERS RELATED TO THE US-JAPAN AND US-REPUBLIC OF CHINA COOPERATIVE SCIENCE PROGRAMS, AND OTHER NSF ACTIVITIES. THIS POSITION IS INTENDED TO REPLACE THE RECENTLY RETIRED AMERICAN SECRETARY AND WOULD REPRESENT SAVINGS OF ABOUT \$20,000 ANNUALLY TO THE USG. THE EMBASSY WOULD BE REIMBURSED FROM THE FOUNDATION'S DOLLAR APPROPRIATION. NSF HOPES THAT THE POSITION CAN BE ESTABLISHED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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3. ACTION REQUESTED: COMMENTS OF THE CONCERNED MISSION CHIEFS ON THESE PROPOSALS, INCLUDING ANY IMPACT ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT CAPABILITIES OF THE EMBASSIES. RUSH

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